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Seems like a \$1b penalty for a company that overcharged consumers \$30b and counting is about \$29b short of justice. But at least get a real \$1b. I completely agree with competitor Red Hat's perspective that letting Microsoft "pay" for it's fine by giving it's own software to schools further entrenches their monopoly. Red Hat's proposal ([http://www.redhat.com/about/presscenter/2001/press\\_usschools.html](http://www.redhat.com/about/presscenter/2001/press_usschools.html)), that Microsoft give \$1b in hardware for which Red Hat will supply the software, sounds good to me. I mean, a monopoly is the problem, right? So what good does it do to distribute more monopoly software? My only problem with Red Hat's proposal is that Microsoft should be made to pay \$30b, not just \$1b. Honestly the settlement amount makes it look yet again that our justice system is corruptible by the rich, be they individuals or corporations.

Thanks for reading this, and good luck in continuing the prosecution.

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